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   a. ☑ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

      i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

      ii. ☐ Other _____

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      i. ☐ Amendment/Reply   iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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2. **Miscellaneous**

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   b. ☐ Other _____

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      i. ☑ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) -- large entity $790

      ii. ☑ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) -- 3 mo. extension $1,020

      iii. ☐ Other _____

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